

*We are a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith
seeking to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.*

Loving God...Changing Lives



OAK GROVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 22, 2021 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 & 10:15 am

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Lighting of the Christ Candle (10:15 am)

Call to Worship

Chris Hawks

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever; let us worship God together.

Opening Song

"There Is Now a New Creation" (*screens*)

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(outside: masks appreciated | inside: please refrain from singing)

**¹ There is now a new creation
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
peace and reconciliation
with the God of endless life.**

**All is finished and forgiven;
let us now be reconciled.**

**³ Wrap the prodigal in welcome;
run to greet the wayward child.**

**⁵ There is now a new creation
through the grace of Jesus Christ.
Sing, with thanks and adoration,
to the God of endless life!**

Opening Prayer

Chris Hawks

O God, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times when we fail to recognize you in the daily business of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. God, we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to you. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to you in the world. Remind us to be who you would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us near to you and build our relationship with you and with those whom you have given us on earth. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Assurance of Grace

Chris Hawks

Friends, when we are lost, all is not lost.
God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around,
Gathering us in to the people of God.
Let us rejoice in God's mercy! Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart (10:15 am)

Mary Koon

Sending Song

“Near or Far”

J. McKinnon

(outside: masks appreciated | inside: please refrain from singing)

Near or far apart, You're always in my heart. God's love is here to stay, Close and far away. Resting in God's peace, Praying for God's hope, Serving God's joy, United in God's love.

Anthem (10:15 am)

Lord of the Dance

Scripture	Luke 15:11–32 (NT: p. 78 LPNT: p. 95)	Bart Roush
Message		Bart Roush
Prayers of the People		Mary Koon

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

We Go Forth in God’s Name

Closing Song	“Go, My Children, with My Blessing ” (<i>screens</i>) (outside: masks appreciated inside: singing encouraged)	547
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¹ **“Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”**

³ **“Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”**

Benediction		Bart Roush
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Postlude

(inside: please remain seated during postlude and wait to be dismissed by an usher)



Additional participants in worship today include:

Vocalists: **Anne Klueh & Chris Hawks**;

Organist: **Nancy Hauser** | Pianist: **Judy Cooper**;

Sound, Light, Video: **Andy Snyder & Greg Johnson**

Chancel flowers are given by **Nancy Hauser**,
in **honor of Colin & Darby's birthdays**, and **Leona & Jack Kley**,
in **memory of Louise & Leon Bonikowski**.

Offering baskets are not passed during worship. You can place your offering in a basket as you enter or exit worship service. We invite you to fellowship outside and be mindful of distance. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Coffee Hour

Join host Larry Klueh Sundays at 11:00 am following worship. Zoom in to enjoy one another's company and catch up in a relaxed way.

Join the Zoom meeting at: <https://bit.ly/3hxYbrw>

Meeting ID: 845 2763 1073 | Passcode: 665615.

For audio only, call 312-626-6799 and use the ID and passcode.

Rich Miller Celebration of Life: Sunday, August 22 (3–5:00 pm)

Please join us at the Moir Park Pavilion. Whether you knew our dad for a short time or a long time, you saw how special a person he was. Help us remember the wonderful days and moments that we were able to share with him. Bring your funny stories and memories, along with a FACE MASK, and a lawn chair or blanket if you prefer either to a picnic table. We will provide (COVID-safe) refreshments and some humor.

Art Fisk Memorial Service: Saturday, August 28 (10:00 am)

A memorial service for Art Fisk at 10:00 am at Oak for family and invited guests only. Due to COVID, Patsy is inviting the congregation, friends and those out of town to watch the livestreamed service via the [Oak Grove's website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.

Mary Jones Celebration of Life: Monday, August 30 (2:30 pm: Service)

Please join us at the Moir Park Pavilion. Social hour and light refreshments to follow. Bring memories of Mary or a story to share. Bring a lawn chair or blanket if you prefer either to a picnic table. FACE MASK REQUIRED. Small (well-behaved) dogs welcome.